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AMENDMENT OF APMC ACT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to encourage the States to amend the Agriculture Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) Act to facilitate free movement of essential food items and check artificial rise in prices;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to rectify faulty marketing system in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (c): In order to reduce the high intermediation and marketing cost, ensure free movement of agricultural produce to check unreasonable rise in prices, it is necessary to promote development of competitive alternative marketing channels in the country. Accordingly, the Ministry of Agriculture framed a Model APMC Act and circulated to all States and Union Territories in 2003 for its adoption and for making necessary amendments in their present APMC Acts.The present status of adoption of reforms by the States is at Annexure.Assistance is given by Government of India under the scheme of Development/Strengthening of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure, Grading and Standardisation for those States which have adopted minimum level of reforms in their APMC Act.

The Government has also constituted a Committee of State Agriculture Marketing Ministers to promote agriculture marketing reforms.